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THE FCC'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1999/2000 WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE PROPOSES ADDITIONAL PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON WRC-99 ISSUES

The WRC-99 Advisory Committee is assisting the Commission in the development of proposals for the 1999/2000 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-99). On May 22, 1998, at its third meeting, the Advisory Committee proposed further preliminary views on issues that are to be addressed at WRC-99*.

The Advisory Committee's proposed further preliminary views concern: 1) an allocation to the Non-Geostationary Satellite Orbit (NGSO) Mobile-Satellite Service (MSS) downlinks at 405-406 MHz; 2) additional allocations to a navigational non-geostationary (NVNG) MSS in the 450-470 MHz band; and 3) ITU-R Recommendations that are incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations. We requested comments on these preliminary views by our Public Notice DA 98-1044, released on June 3, 1998, which contained an overview and summary of the preliminary views. Subsequent to the issuance of that Public Notice, the Vice-Chairman of Informal Working Group 2 requested that the full text of the preliminary view relating to the additional allocation for the NVNG MSS in the 450-470 MHz band be put on public notice. That text is provided below with minor editorial revision. The deadline for comments (on this preliminary view only) has been extended to June 30, 1998, to allow full public consideration of the background.

The complete text of all preliminary views is available in the FCC's International Reference Center, 2000 M Street, N.W., Room 102, Washington, D.C. (telephone: 202-418-1492) or by accessing the FCC's WRC-99 world wide web site at: <http://fcc.gov/wrc-99>. To comment on the above preliminary view, please submit an original and one copy of your comment to the Chief, Planning & Negotiations Division, International Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20554. Comments should refer to the above preliminary view by document number. Parties preferring to e-mail their comments should address their comments to: wrc-99@fcc.gov.

*Some previously-proposed preliminary views were presented in FCC Public Notice

No. DA 98-842, released May 4, 1998.

The comments provided will be of assistance to the FCC in its upcoming consultations with the U.S. Department of State, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and other government agencies for developing and updating U.S. preliminary views. Once approved by agreement among these agencies of the U.S. Government, preliminary views may be used by U.S. delegations to stimulate discussion and feedback and to attempt to achieve common proposals with other countries on these issues. The proposed preliminary view set forth herein may evolve in the course of interagency discussions and therefore does not constitute a final U.S. Government position on this issue.

Preliminary View of IWG-2 (Informal Working Group on NGSO Mobile-Satellite Service Below 1 GHz)

Preliminary View

WRC-99 Agenda Item 1.11: Resolutions 214 and 219 (WRC-97) - *To consider constraints on existing allocations and additional allocations on a world-wide basis for the non-GSO/MSS below 1 GHz.* (WAC/025(22.05.98))

ISSUE: Additional Allocations to NVNG MSS in the 450-470 MHz band.

BACKGROUND: The position of the incumbents in this band is that the NVNG MSS industry did not adequately demonstrate that sharing in the 450-470 band is possible. It is the view of the NVNG MSS industry that prior agreement with the incumbents and the provision of land mobile systems' technical parameters are required to demonstrate that sharing is feasible.

PRELIMINARY VIEW: The feasibility of MSS and land mobile sharing in the 450-470 MHz band requires further study. Based on the results of studies being conducted, the U.S. will determine whether to pursue MSS allocations in this band.